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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN MOTOR CLUBS  
17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017**

**Held at the Lion and Lamb, Little Canfield**

The meeting commenced at 20.30

**Attendance**

**Members**

14 were present representing 12 clubs as follows: -

Stanley Graham	Vice Chairman / Wickford AC (Acting Chairman)
Clive Grounds	Training /Cambridge MC
Stuart Kingham	Treasurer / DRDCC
Tony Michael	Comp Sec & Web Site / Chelmsford MC
Chris Deal	Sprint Co-ordinator / Green Belt MC
Paul Barrett	Rally Co-ordinator / Chelmsford MC
Mike Biss	Boundless by CSMA
Keith Pettitt	West Suffolk MC
Tony Burchnall	Eastern Counties MC
Pete Richards	Peterborough MC
Alan Barnard	West Essex MC
John Sharp	Borough 19
Christine Sharp	Borough 19
Brian Hemmings	Secretary /Anglia Motor Sport Club

**Guests**

Suze Endean	RDO – South East / East Anglia
Matt Endean	MSA Rallies/ Auto & Rally Cross Committee

**Welcome**

The Vice Chairman explained that Gary Nicholls was unable to attend due to pressing event organisational issues and therefore he would take the meeting.

**Apologies**

Gary Nichols Chairman (Chelmsford MC), Noreen Ward (BARC – Midlands), Richard Wakeling (Mini Cross Drivers Association), Mark Banham (Kings Lynn & Dist MC) John Boot ( Anglia Motor Sport Club), Simon Taylor (Farnborough), Rod McKenna (Club Rally Sport West), Martin Newson (SCCoN), Neil Mac Donald (BMW Car Club), Tony Clements (MSA Regional/ Chelmsford), Chin (Sevenoaks)

**Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016 were reviewed and unanimously agreed to be a true representation of the meeting. The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Keith Pettitt (WSMC), and seconded by Paul Barrett (Chelmsford MC)

There were no specific matters arising.

**Chairman's Report**

In the chairman's absence there was no specific report.

**Treasurers Report**

The treasurer reported that the accounts currently stand at £11,514 with no known liabilities. 10 clubs have renewed to date for 2017. Invoices have been sent to all 2016 member clubs who are urged to renew as soon as practicable. The account for the Stage Rally Championship is pending finalisation of the arrangements for the trophies and awards presentation.

## **Secretary's report**

The secretary asked to register his thanks for the large number of supportive messages and best wishes received. Particular thanks were expressed to Stanley Graham for readily volunteering to stand in as secretary during the "enforced sabbatical".

Correspondence has been received as follows: -

Copies of minutes and notices from other associations  
Monthly newsletters from Sevenoaks & DMC and ACU Eastern Centre.  
MSA Annual accounts and association registration

There have been no new applications for membership.

## **Reports**

### **Stage Rally Championship**

The 2016 Championship was very successfully completed at Rockingham in Dec. with the results published and finalised. The awards presentation will be held along with the Sprint Championship at the Brands Hotel in Feb.

To be confirmed but it is anticipated that the championship will have made a small surplus.

The 2017 championship starts at Brands in Jan, and will once again be jointly run with ASEM. C.

The first 3 rounds all have essentially full entries so the series is looking very positive.

There are 16 competitors already registered at this point although based on the event entry indications the number is anticipated to be increase significantly indicating a potential for a higher number over the series than in 2016.

Jelf Insurance continue as a sponsor.

### **Sprint Championship**

The awards presentation for 2016 will be held as previously mentioned along with the Stage Rally event at the Brands Hotel in Feb..

Plans are in place for the 2017 championship with up to 20 rounds available. Included in the list is the return of some "old favourites" venues which weren't used in 2016.

Essex Extreme continue to sponsor the championship.

The championship licence is still awaited from the MSA. As soon as this is available the series will be formally launched

### **MSA / Regional Committee**

There has been no Regional committee meeting since the last AEMC meeting and therefore there was nothing specific to report.

Clubs were asked if there were any topics that they would like to have raised at the next meeting. An item was raised as to whether the degree of cover provided by the permit related event insurance was clear and fully understood. A discussion followed which identified that details of the cover provided could be found in the MSA Year Book and in more detail on the JLT web site. If further clarification is required clubs were asked to forward a query detailing which aspects needed clarification in order that a question can be raised at the Regional Committee.

### **RDO (Go Motor sport)**

Suze covered a number of Go Motorsport and MSA related topics as follows: -

The Club and Volunteer of the Year awards for 2016 had been finalised and published following receipt of an increased number of submissions.

It was also explained that the MSA Strategy Review was progressing with a "10 pillars" architecture having been defined. Each "pillar" relates to an element within motorsport with MSA Executive owners for each being defined. An overview is available in the MSA 2016 review.

Jess Fack the Go Motorsport manager left the MSA in Dec.. The vacancy is expected to be advertised shortly.

The Seminar Series in 2017 is for licensed Officials (Clerks and Stewards) and trainees. It was highlighted though that anyone planning on working towards becoming licensed should approach the training team as they would be welcome to attend subject to places being available.

Go Motorsport had been present at the Autosport Show at the NEC with both a presence in the main show and by providing taster Autosolo rides for the general public. This had been very successful with the statistics being that over the 4 days 84 officials from 29 clubs had provide rides to 1004 participants.

Delivery of the marshal's recognition packs is anticipated very shortly. They will be distributed to all registered marshals when available. The delay was identified as a price increase due to currency fluctuation.

Suze finally indicated that an initiative is being picked up to "streamline" the process for applying for grants from the Development Fund. It is anticipated that a simpler application form will be developed that will probably include an on line process option.

### **Training**

Clive confirmed that all plans are in place for the Marshals Training Day with 90 registered to attend. The radio module remains very popular although it is pleasing to see that there are 19 participants in the "New Marshal" stream. Joining instructions will be circulated shortly. The support grant for the event has been agreed.

An open discussion was then held on what additional training requirements association clubs may have. One specific area that emerged was for education / training for officials running club level events. The thoughts expressed that this was relevant not only for those moving into organising roles but also for those with more experience to ensure they were "up to date" with current practices and requirements.

The context of what format and session arrangements would be most attractive to potential attendees e.g are smaller, shorter, local evening sessions or larger half or full days preferred.

It was agreed that a proposal on possible approaches should be developed and circulated to clubs in order to provide a basis for discussion within clubs.

ACTION CG/BH

### **Future Association Meetings**

An open discussion was held with regard to any additional topics or items that should be covered by the association in order for clubs to get maximum benefit from membership. A wide ranging conversation ensued with an agreement that each club would be asked to contribute at least one item or idea for consideration. Suggestions could cover topics to be included for delegates meetings or other areas of involvement.

ACTION ALL CLUBS

### **Promotional Event 2016**

Progress on reviewing options for the event had unfortunately been on hold over recent months. The result is that an early 2017 event is not a realistic option. Following discussions, it was agreed although an early year date is ideal the value of such an event is great enough to support it being planned to fit with whatever timing venues may have available. It was agreed therefore that this would be progressed with potential venues.

ACTION BH

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Longer term access to Mod Venues in the region for Motorsport**

In view of the relatively high dependence on current MoD properties within East Anglia for motor sport events and in the light of the plans that are emerging for progressive closures and sale a suggestion was put forward that the MSA might be able to help in discussions with the MoD on ways to maintain realistic availability during the period from closure to sale. There are a number of prominent examples where access has been denied despite any apparent objections from other users.

ACTION TC / BH

#### **Meeting start time - AGM**

As the next delegates meeting will be preceded by the AGM the start time for the AGM was queried. Following discussion it was agreed that the 8.30pm start time would be retained with the delegates meeting following on immediately after the AGM as usual.

#### **Alternative Meeting Venue**

The position in terms of holding meetings at an alternative venue was raised. A potentially suitable venue at Milton Nr Cambridge has been identified. The AGM and following meeting will be held at Little Canfield but provisionally the next Delegates meeting will be at Milton.

#### **Motor Vehicle Insurance (The VNUK Case)**

The situation with regard to the possible implications for motor sport of the "Vnuk" were discussed. In a worst possible scenario it would require all motor vehicles including all competition vehicles to have 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance as a minimum. It was explained that the MSA along with the ACU have been working on this situation for some 18 months with a view to ensuring motor sport is "exempt" from this legislation. It is felt that this can be achieved although as the government has recently released the topic for consultation we shouldn't be complacent and all pressures put on the government through petitions and suitable responses to the consultation can only be supportive.

**Next Meeting**

The next Delegates meeting and AGM will be: -

**25th April** at the Lion and Lamb,

Little Canfield, CM6 1SR

**START TIME 20.30**

There being no further business the chairman thanked all attendees and closed the meeting at 10.20pm