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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN MOTOR CLUBS
25th April 2017**

Held at the Lion and Lamb, Little Canfield

The meeting commenced immediately following the AGM at 20.57

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

Attendance

Members

12 were present representing 8 clubs as follows

Gary Nichols	Chairman /Chelmsford MC
Stanley Graham	Vice Chairman / Wickford AC
Stuart Kingham	Treasurer / Wickford AC
Paul Barrett	Rallies Coordinator / Chelmsford MC
Mike Biss	Boundless by CSMA
John Boot	West Suffolk MC
Tony Clements	MSA Reg.Cttee. Rep./Chelmsford MC
Chris Deal	Sprint Coordinator / Green Belt MC
Clive Grounds	Training / Cambridge CC
Tony Michael	Comp Sec./Web Site /Chelmsford MC
Pete Richards	Peterborough MC
Brian Hemmings	Secretary /Anglia Motor Sport Club

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mark Banham (Kings Lynn and DMC), Alan Barnard (West Essex MC), Tony Burchnall (Eastern Counties MC), Suze Endean (MSA), Matt Endean (Rallies and Autocross Committees), Rod McKenna (Club Rally Sport West), Keith Pettitt (West Suffolk MC)

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 17th Jan 2017 were reviewed and unanimously agreed to be a true representation of the meeting. The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Tony Clements (Chelmsford MC), and seconded by Stanley Graham (Wickford AC)

There were no specific matters arising

Chairman's Report

The chairman indicated that there were no items to report additional to the report presented to the immediately preceding AGM

Treasurers Report

As at 1/3/17 the account balances stood at £10,527

It was indicated to the meeting that a payment of approx. £2300 is anticipated shortly from the MSA as grant support for the Marshals training day held in Feb.

The sponsorship payment for the 2017 rally championship is also still to be received.

A small number of clubs have still not renewed membership for this year It is understood that all wish to remain members and therefore further reminders will be sent to those clubs. It was highlighted that often non-payment is due to the reminder not getting to the appropriate contact in the club. Delegates were asked to ensure that changes of official should be notified in order that the associations contact list can be maintained accurately.

Secretary's report

Applications.

An application for membership had been received from the British Motorsport Marshals Club. It was unanimously agreed to accept this and for the secretary to welcome them as members.

Correspondence received

Copies of minutes and notices from other associations and monthly newsletters from Sevenoaks and District MC and the ACU Eastern centre have been received.

A letter had also been received from the Disabled Drivers Racing Club indicating that they were planning to hold an event at Snetterton in November 2017 and asking for clubs to provide practical support by way of participants and marshals. The format planned is to be similar to previously run "Charity Days" at the circuit where the public can pay for a number of laps of the circuit alongside an experienced driver/competitor. Following discussion it was agreed that the message should be recirculated to clubs in order that anyone interested in being involved could then contact the organisers directly.

Reports

Stage Rally Championship

It was reported that the awards presentation night for the 2016 championship which was held jointly with ASEMC and in conjunction with the Sprint championship had been very successful with the a good attendance. Profits from the 2016 series have been split with ASEMC, the partner in the championship. The 2017 championship is progressing well with 3 rounds completed. The next rounds are Middlewick in May and the Flying Fortress in June.

33 competitors are currently registered with a good distribution across the classes.

Sprint Championship

The Sprint part of the 2016 Championship awards presentation was also reported as being extremely successful with over 75% of the awards being collected by the winners on the night.

The 2017 championship is also well under way with 32 registered contenders. It is anticipated that this will increase to around 50 as the season progresses.

Some concern was expressed that entries to events so far this year have been down with popular events at North Weald and Hethel only attracting 31 and 58 competitors respectively. The situation will be monitored.

Inter Association Events

It was proposed that for the forthcoming inter association sprint and road rally events the association would support a team entry to the extent of £50 / car as a contribution towards the cost of entry. This was proposed by Paul Barrett (Chelmsford) and seconded by Chris Deal (Green Belt) and agreed unanimously. The sprint and rally championship co coordinators to arrange.

MSA / Regional Committee

A report was presented highlighting the following items from the February Regional Committee meeting or subsequent MSA announcements.

Work is continuing on the CRM (Customer Relationship Management) system with an implementation date of May still envisaged.

The revised regulations for Rally Future have been published and a consultation document on potential changes in rallying has been issued.

Safety car training and Safety Officer Training is planned for this year. Dates and venues will be announced shortly. Attendees for the safety car training will need to be referred by the principle organiser (CoC) of a planned event.

Training on Safeguarding awareness and processes will be rolled out commencing May. Initially this will be biased towards kart clubs/ events where junior competitors are more likely. However sessions will also be open for others that are interested.

A committee is being formed to review safety aspects in rallies other than stage events which will be chaired by Matt Endean.

A request was made that clarification on the process for creating permitted tyre lists and how the information is communicated should be sought through regional committee.

RDO (Go Motor sport)

In the absence of an RDO there was no report

Training

The rally marshals training day held at Cambridge was treated as being very well attended and received by all participants. A date of 3rd Feb. is booked for 2018. Following discussion it was agreed that the potential for including aspects of training for sprint marshals should be considered.

A discussion was held on additional training needs and opportunities.

In respect of first on scene training a discussion was held one conclusion of which was that the possibility of making it mandatory as part of the licence renewal process to have watched a training video could be suggested. (similar to marshals accreditation).

Anglia Motor Sport indicated that following requests from its member clubs a team was working on creating training focused on putting on events including club level, the roles of official's and safety awareness and safe practices. It was indicated that members from all association clubs would be welcome to attend when sessions are held.

Future Association Meetings

An open discussion was held with regard to how to encourage attendance at future meetings. It was agreed that the approach that has been trialled in ASEMC of including a topic for open discussion would be included at the next meeting. It was agreed that based on the significance of training and the fact that it is a topic that applies to all clubs this would be a good choice for the first discussion. It was agreed that this would be facilitated in order to promote discussion. GN and BH to work on this.

The vice chairman also indicated that a report could be made available at each meeting covering significant technical changes or requirements.

Promotional Event 2016

Discussion is progressing with MSV on the potential for staging a similar event to 2014. One issue is that there aren't many events being run on the 200 circuit which would leave the 100 circuit available. Following discussion it was agreed that a change in format could be considered which would only use the paddock areas. A further meeting will be held with MSV to explore this option and a budget constructed for consideration if this looks to be a viable option. Late Qtr1/ early Qtr2 2018 is seen as the favourite time frame to target.

Any Other Business

Longer term access to MoD Venues in the region for Motorsport

The question has been raised and will be brought up by the MSA representative at the next meeting of the MoD land access meeting.

LARA

A renewal notice has been received from LARA for 2017 indicating an increase in subscription to £300 for associate membership. A discussion was held as to the benefits of membership and it was concluded that it is a valuable organisation to support. The treasurer was therefore authorised to make payment.

Alternative Meeting Venue

The meeting agreed that the next delegates meeting would be held at the new venue.

(Note – Following the meeting information was received that the chosen new venue would not be available when required and therefore the next meeting will be held at Little Canfield)

RLO Norfolk

The current incumbent has been approached and has indicated that he wishes to continue in the role.

Next Meeting

The next Delegates meeting will be: -
18th July 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 10.24pm