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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN MOTOR CLUBS  
16th Oct 2018**

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

The meeting commenced at 20.30hrs

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

**Attendance**

Members

15 were present representing 11 clubs as follows

Gary Nichols	Chairman /Chelmsford MC
Stanley Graham	Vice Chairman / Wickford AC
Alan Barnard	West Essex MC
Paul Barrett	Rally Chshp./ Chelmsford MC
Mike Biss	Boundless by CSMA
John Boot	West Suffolk MC
Tony Burchnall	Eastern Counties MC
Tony Clements	MSA Reg.Cttee. Rep./Chelmsford MC
Chris Deal	Sprint Coordinator / Green Belt MC
Matt Endean	MSA Committees /Chelmsford MC
Clive Grounds	Training / Cambridge CC
Tony Michael	Comp Sec./Web Site /Chelmsford MC
Pete Richards	Peterborough MC
Pete Walters	Sprint Coordinator 2019 / Herts County A & AC Sprint Coordinator 2019
Brian Hemmings	Secretary /Anglia Motor Sport Club

Guests

Suze Endean MSA – Development Manager

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mark Banham (Kings Lynn & DMC), Rod McKenna (Club Rally Sport West), Clare Rix (SCCoN) Stuart Kingham (Treasurer / Wickford AC)

**Welcome**

The chairman welcomed Suze Endean, MSA Development Manager and all delegates to the meeting

**Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were reviewed and unanimously agreed to be a true representation of the meeting. The adoption of the minutes was proposed by West Suffolk MC (John Boot) and seconded by Chelmsford (Tony Clements)

**Matters arising**

There were no matters arising that would not be covered elsewhere in the agenda.

**Chairman's Report**

The chairman indicated that it was becoming increasingly apparent that there would be a significant amount of change within the governing body which it was anticipated would start to emerge over the next weeks and months.

## **Treasurers Report**

The treasurer had provide a financial report the content of which was relayed to the meeting as follows  
The current accounts balance is £11,819.  
Renewal remains outstanding from 2 clubs. Final reminders have been issued.

Payments to the teams that represented the association in the inter- association rally are being progressed.  
The sponsorship payment for the 2019 sprint championship is still outstanding. Chris Deal agreed to follow this up.

## **Secretary's Report**

### **Membership**

An application from the GT Motorsport Club had been received. The background and objectives of the club were presented to the meeting outlining that one of the principle objectives is to put on events that will encourage people to get involved within motor sport. Acceptance of the application was unanimous.

### **Correspondence**

Copies of minutes and notices from other associations have been received.  
Other correspondence has included copies of the confirmation of Forestry applications within the region, notice of registration for 2019 championships and a request for support in staging a course on Introduction to Coaching Techniques.

## **Reports**

### **Stage Rally Championship**

Rockingham is the only remaining round in the 2018 championship. Dale and Andrew Lawson are looking like the likely winners based on scores so far this year although all classes are very open.

It is planned to hold a joint presentation evening with ASEMC in early 2019 as in the past few years.

There will inevitably be changes in 2019 as Rockingham will not be an option. Bournemouth MC have suggested the Bovingdon event in Nov. and the Clacton closed road event is being considered. Clubs were asked to suggest any other events they think would be worth considering for inclusion.

Sponsorship for 2019 has been agreed and is being finalised with Jelf Insurance.

### **Sprint Championship**

One round remains to complete the 2018 championship with Tim Cole being the likely winner.  
The overall trend towards lower entries has continued and is estimated as being around 25%

The transition to Pete Walters as coordinator is in progress in order to establish the 2019 championship. It is likely that there will be less qualifying rounds.

It was reported that there is a potential for events at North Weald to move to Saturdays due to a change in the planning situation at the venue.

## **MSA Update**

Suze Endean provided an insight into her role within motor sport covering general areas of development, regional association and committee support, volunteer retention and recruitment as well as more specific tasks including managing the club development fund, club and volunteer of the year schemes.

She highlighted two specific initiatives at major events where passenger rides had been offered at SpeedMachine (WRX) and the Coventry closed road Sprint. Contact details of interested parties had been made available to appropriate clubs.

Two upcoming events are Girls on Track where 13 to 18 year olds will be given a greater insight into the sport. At 130 registered attendees the event is oversubscribed with a reserve list. Motorsport Days Live being held at Silverstone is an event primarily aimed at people already in motorsport but with an intent of widening knowledge.

At a regional level it was explained that the recruitment of a replacement RDO had been temporarily held until there is a confirmation of the strategic direction for the overall programme.

A number of general MSA update items were provided, in summary

Changes resulting from strategic reviews will be rolled out in the very near future.

Hugh Chambers has commenced working with the organisation and will formally take up the role of CeO at the start of Nov.

A number of technical changes have been announced which are aimed at reducing competition costs while retaining safe practices e.g. change to "lifing" of belts / seats in rallying

Support for tyre management in karting through bar coding systems

The introduction of the CRM system is still pending. The latest intended launch date is Nov.

Kate Adamson (safety director) has resigned and will leave the organisation at the end of the year

Clubs were encouraged to submit entries to the 2018 Club/ Volunteer of the Year Award scheme and to utilise the Motor sport Development Fund when appropriate.

A number of questions were raised and discussed.

A request was made that associations are used as part of the process for providing information on strategic changes as they are constitutionally positioned as part of the structure between clubs /members and the governing body. Suze agreed to pass this request on.

## **MSA Regional Committee**

At the last regional committee meeting it was agreed that a proposal on competition license requirements for association championships would be put to the Council. The proposal is that for a trial period competitors in association championships would not require a competition licence subject to no other requirements of the qualifying event.

It was discussed that changes are being progressed to simplify historic road rally classes.

## **Other Matters**

### **Training**

The date of the rally marshals training day has been changed. The event will now be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018.

There is a possibility of staging an additional practically oriented training day which would include fire training in March.

Two other training events were highlighted.

17<sup>th</sup> Nov. - The MSA Introduction to Coaching Course is being held at Cambridge

24<sup>th</sup> Nov. Anglia Motor Sport Club is holding a day for club organisers near Bury St Edmunds

For further details on either contact the secretary.

It was mentioned that a request had been received from Cambridge College to provide a talk on opportunities to be involved in motor sport to their vehicle maintenance students.

## **Association Grant Support Scheme**

The amended draft procedure for managing the proposed grant scheme had been circulated following the previous meeting.

This was unanimously accepted by the meeting.

In respect of the initial review panel detailed in the procedure it was agreed that this should be made up of the Chairman, Vice chairman and Secretary with the process managed by the treasurer.

## **Future Topic**

It was agreed that the topic for the next delegates meeting would be a discussion on potential impact on the association of strategic changes within the sports governing body.

## **Discussion Topic**

The topic for the discussion was "A brainstorm on issues of personnel availability, ways of attracting and retaining people resources within motorsport"

A wide ranging discussion was held covering many aspects of the topic.

The following are some of the thoughts and concepts discussed (not in any specific order)

- A significant issue is the shortage of organisers and marshals (seemingly a generation has not progressed from competing through to organising and support roles).
- A proposition was put forward that the number of organisers coming through is a function of the number of people active in motorsport. Therefore getting people involved is important.
- To get people into the sport, events have to be attractive and more visible.
- There are many opportunities to support motorsport beyond the normally recognised areas including IT, admin. and marketing expertise.
- Competitors should be encouraged to also organise and marshal, along with cross discipline involvement.
- The process for getting involved (entering events as well as organising/ marshalling etc.) should be simple and welcoming.
- Clubs need to approach these issues "professionally" and have a plan for the future, either individually or collectively. The plan should include publicity and administrative techniques as well as event related content.
- A clear directional strategy for the future of the sport from the governing body's perspective is important.

Resulting actions:-

Delegates to take the thinking/ ideas back to their clubs

Circulate the notes from a meeting held a number of months ago on these topics.

A feasibility study for a promotional event similar in concept to GMLE (Go Motorsport Live East) to be progressed.

## **Any Other Business**

### **Sprint classes**

The results of the review of Sprint classes for 2019 association events has been agreed and forwarded to the MSA. The concept is to standardise the approach across associations.

### **2019 Meeting Calendar**

A calendar for association meetings in 2019 has been created on the same basis as 2018. This will be issued with the minutes. Any club that foresee any issues are asked to respond.

### **Next Meeting**

The next association delegates meeting will be the 15th Jan 2019

