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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN MOTOR CLUBS
19thth Jan. 2021**

Held as Zoom virtual meeting – locations various

The meeting commenced at 20.05 hrs

Attendance

Members

23 were present representing 14 clubs as follows

Gary Nicholls	Chairman / CMC
Stanley Graham	Vice Chairman / Anglia Motorsport Club
Chris Musselle	Treasurer / CCC
Mark Banham	Kings Lynn and DMC
Paul Barrett	Rally Championship / CMC
Mike Biss	Boundless
John Boot	West Suffolk MC
Tony Clements	Regional Committee Rep / CMC
Chris Deal	Green Belt MC
John Davie	Green Belt MC
Matt Endean	Motorsport UK Committees / CMC
Suze Endean	Chelmsford MC
Lucy Fryer	Chelmsford MC
Liz Jordan	ASEMC / MMK MC
Tony Michael	Web / Comp Sec / CMC
Barry Morris	Borough 19
Dan Pearson	Eastern Counties MC
Keith Pettitt	West Suffolk MC
Allan Smith	Wickford AC
Pete Walters	Speed Championship / Herts County A & AC
Michael Weeks	Southern CC
Dave Whyman	Sutton and Cheam MC
Brian Hemmings	Secretary / Anglia MSC

Welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone

Apologies

Apologies were received from Alan Barnard (West Essex MC), Andrew Bisping – (ACSMC), Tony Burchnall (Eastern Counties MC), Clive Grounds (Training / Cambridge CC) and Mark Wagstaff (Eastwood & DMC)

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 13th Oct. 2020 were reviewed and unanimously agreed to be a true representation. Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Anglia MSC (Stanley Graham) and seconded by Chelmsford MC (Tony Clements)

Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

Reports

Chairman

The chairman indicated that the current challenging times were likely to be with us for some months to come and this provided greater opportunities for clubs and the association to work together to share information, plans and resources. Other topics would be covered within the agenda

Treasurer

The treasurer reported that the process to update contacts and signatories for the account(s) was in progress but was proving not to be a quick exercise with the bank. During the transfer period an arrangement is in place with a member club to manage any essential expenses.

The accounts currently stand at £11,700 with additional credits of £100 and debts of £416.

Payment has been made to ASEMC in respect of their share of 2019/20 championship accounts. This covers liabilities and there are no additional charges owing.

A donation of £200 had been made to the memorial fund for John White who sadly passed away in late 2020.

An exercise to confirm memberships and payments for 2021 is progressing well.

Secretary

Various messages had been received from Motorsport UK and other associations.

An invitation to the Hertfordshire Stages rally in June 2021 has also been received.

There had been no applications for membership.

Training

An update on the training position was provided in the training officers absence. The planned rally marshals training session in early Feb. will not take place due to restrictions.

However the association is working with the British Rally Marshals Club to develop a series of short (approx. an hour) virtual training sessions which will be run when available.

Plans to create a virtual presentation/session for club level organisers are in progress but currently at an early stage.

Regional Committee

At the Regional meeting in Nov 20 the idea for the Street Car Challenge Series and Motorsport UK's evolving Sport Development Plan, including a 23 point action plan, were presented.

The Street Car plan has since developed based on clubs running a series of autosolos that would qualify regional winners to participate in a National Final. AEMC has indicated that it would want to be involved and has provided a number of provisional dates for events in the region. Simon Tonks has agreed to be the regions coordinator.

A key part of the Motorsport UK development plan is a phase of establishing requirements, opportunities and priorities at club and association level. To address this Motorsport UK is in progress of running a series of virtual sessions on Regional development with groups of associations, to discuss ideas, opportunities, challenges and potential plans. AEMC had been part of a session the previous evening along with ACSMC, ANWMC, ANICC and AEMMC where an open and constructive sharing of ideas had taken place. Once all areas have been covered findings will be consolidated and shared with associations prior to developing the next steps.

It was also reported that there are a number of changes to personnel within Motorsport UK. Ian Berry has moved to "Commercial" leaving Sue Sanders leading regional development while Claire Kirkpatrick has taken over club development. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Motorsport UK highlighting the valuable contribution that Ian Berry has made to the association and clubs over recent months and hoping that the degree of interaction can be continued.

Championship Reports

Rally

The 2020 championship was successfully completed and winners announced. Plans to distribute awards at the first round of 2021 have had to be put on hold as the Brands event had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions. A revised plan and details of the "2021" season are "on hold" until a clearer view of possibilities is available. Early to mid season events are under review with cancelation and /or postponement a distinct possibility.

It was confirmed that there will not be an event at Honington this year. The MOD at the base remain very positive for the future but have indicated that they will be very cautious in lifting restrictions.

Speed

The 2020 season was finalised with 8 rounds completed. Regulations for the 2021 championship have been submitted including 11 rounds. However as with rallies until a clearer picture of the year evolves it isn't possible to confirm details of events. As previously indicated any competitor registered in 2020 will get a free registration to 2021.

Other Matters

Constitution

An updated version of the association constitution had been circulated prior to the meeting with a view to adopting it at the meeting. During discussion a small number of minor amendments were identified. Subject to these being included the meeting voted to adopt the updated version.

Proposed Green Belt (Chris Deal), seconded Chelmsford MC (Matt Endean)

Ongoing Situation with Covid restrictions

A wide ranging discussion was held with the following thoughts being raised.

- The uncertainty for clubs is likely to continue well into the year with no early release of events. When enabled events will still need to work within significant restrictions.
- Clubs need to continue with planning future events at least in principle to be prepared for when there is an opportunity to run.
- When events are allowed organisers will need to consider
 - How they will manage any local restrictions e.g. ensuring adherence to tier level differences
 - The specific conditions within the NHS that an event could impact i.e specific hospital situations.
 - The need to be and to be seen to be acting responsibly within the local community.

Association Development

During the regional development meeting with Motorsport UK the topic of communications was discussed and in particular the most effective methods between, Motorsport UK , the associations, the clubs and club members. The meeting discussed this resulting in a question as to how would clubs feel about the association communicating directly with their members (assuming GDPR compliance). Clubs were asked to consider this and respond.

AoB

A query was raised as to whether there was any clarity yet on the role of the evolving Motorsport Council and how it would operate. The chairman responded that this was still not completely developed although it was becoming apparent that the council would be focused on discussion around strategic topics e.g diversity, sustainability etc. rather than regulatory aspects.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on the 11th May starting at 20.00 (Zoom)