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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN MOTOR CLUBS
11th Oct. 2022**

Held as “Zoom” virtual meeting – locations various

The meeting commenced at 20.15 hrs

Attendance

Members

20 were present representing 13 clubs as follows

Stanley Graham	Chairman / Wickford AC
Chris Musselle	Treasurer / CCC
Alan Barnard	CMC
David Brailey	Lotus MC
John Boot	West Suffolk MC
Tony Burchnall	Eastern Counties MC
Steve Casey	Middx. CAC
Tony Clements	Regional Committee Rep / CMC
John Davie	Green Belt MC
Rob Davies	MogFriends
Matt Endean	Motorsport UK Committees / CMC
Suze Endean	Chelmsford MC
Carole Glenn	Borough 19
Clive Grounds	Training / Cambridge CC
Liz Jordan	Maidstone & MKMC /ASEMC
Tony Michael	Web / Comp Sec / CMC
Gary Nicholls	Chelmsford MC
Dan Pearson	Anglia MSC
Dave Whyman	Sutton and Cheam MC
Brian Hemmings	Secretary / Anglia MSC

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies

Mark Banham - Kings Lynn &DMC, Mike Biss - Boundless, Pete Walters -Speed Championship / Herts County A & AC, Dave Clark - Weald MC, Allan Smith - Wickford AC, Mike Biss – Boundless, Mike Bishop – Club Triumph.

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 26th July. 2022 were reviewed and unanimously agreed to be a true representation. Proposed West SuffolkMC (John Boot) Seconded Chelmsford MC (Gary Nicholls)

Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

A query had been raised at the previous meeting with regard to the publishing date for the revised /updated MSUK Year Book. It was reported that the current plan for implementation is for the year 2024.

Reports

Chairman

The Chairman indicated that being newly into the role the report would be short.

The Chairman thanked Gary as the previous chair for all the work he has done for motorsport in the region, much of which has been “behind the scenes”.

This has contributed to establishing a platform in the region which we can progressively move forward from and he looked forward to working with the team and clubs to develop into the future and to evolve to meet the challenges which motorsport is and will face in the future.

Treasurer

A report on the current financial position and forecast had been circulated prior to the meeting. No queries were raised from the meeting.

In developing the forecast, it was explained that anticipated costs of training had been removed from the 2022 forecast as it now looked less likely that costs would be incurred this year (see training report).

It was also highlighted that with the current reserves level there is an opportunity to allocate funds to “invest” in regional motorsport and all clubs were urged to consider and suggest options by the next meeting.

Secretary

It was reported that the annual request for the association to re-register with MSUK has been received in accordance with the normal process. This will be progressed.

An application for membership has been received from the MogFriends club. Rob Davies provided an introduction to the club including how the objectives and activities of the club and its members aligned with other association member clubs. It was unanimously agreed that the club should be ratified as a member, and they were welcomed to the association. It was suggested and agreed that club event dates should be added to the AEMC dates list.

Training

It was explained that the planned Rally Marshals Fire training would not be possible this year due to problems with the availability of the required facilities. Plans are being progressed for 2023 with a possible event in late Jan. The potential is being investigated of holding the theoretical part of the training through a virtual process and concentrating the “live” training on practical aspects.

Marshals training sessions are being planned for 2023 and funding applications have been submitted. However, a venue has become a challenge as the previously used College is no longer available. It was suggested that possibilities could be queried with the West Suffolk

college at Bury St Edmunds as a connection between them and West Suffolk MC has been developing. Other possible venues are also being considered but if any member club has a suggestion can they contact the training coordinator.

MSUK are running a safety car course at Cambridge in December although this is initially targeted at new candidates and not as refresher session.

Clubs were reminded of the series of training sessions for Event Secretaries and Stewards that are being run by MSUK. The nearest sessions to the region in 2022 are at Gatwick and Nottingham although a session at Cambridge is being planned in early 2023.

An example of difficulties with renewing a marshal's registration was raised. It was agreed that this could be followed up through the Regional Committee.

Championship Reports

Awards presentations

The meeting was referred to a discussion at the recent ACSMC delegates meeting where the topic had been raised. Following consideration of possible approaches, it was felt that a potential option was the organising of a visit to a place of "motoring" interest that would attract attendees in its own right and combine this with a presentation event and possibly a buffet/type dining option. During the ACSMC meeting this had also been covered with Brooklands being identified as a strong candidate for 2023. Discussion in the meeting that although this was some distance from the AEMC region it had merit with the possibility of geographical rotation in subsequent years.

It was agreed that the 3 association "chairs" (AEMC, ASEM and ACSMC) and respective championship coordinators would meet to consider options and to identify an approach.

Speed and Rally Championships

No specific reports were available.

However, it was understood that both championships are progressing successfully with one round outstanding at Curborough for the Speed championship and Twyford and Goodwood we events still to be run in the Rally championship.

Regional Committee

There have been no formal meetings of the Regional Committee since the last AEMC meeting. However, an informal "virtual" discussion had been held between the regional representatives to share thoughts and ideas with a less formal agenda. The conclusion was that this had been successful and would be an element in developing a more proactive approach which would hopefully lead to changes evolving to enable the committee to become increasingly effective.

Clubs were asked to raise any issues that they would want to raise at the next Regional meeting (25th Oct)

Regional Development

It was agreed that while the direction of the work to date was still appropriate a plan to reenergise the initiative was required in order to accelerate progress. It was requested that clubs consider this and respond with thoughts and ideas on how this should be progressed.

Sustainability

In order to make progress on this important topic it was agreed that a group be organised to develop the thinking, ideas, planning and approaches for motor sport within the region. The good work in this area that has already been completed by accredited member clubs (CMC) would be a good start point to use as a basis to develop on a wider regional context which would then be available to support individual clubs.

It was proposed that a key initial need would be to grow awareness of the scope, significance and importance of this topic within clubs.

It was mentioned that MSUK are involved in a Carbon Usage Analysis for the sport and are also working towards having available a “carbon calculator” that clubs and events could use to evaluate impact and develop offsetting actions.

EDI

Following discussion, it was confirmed that this is an important topic that the association needs to develop in the regional context.

It was agreed that in a similar way to Sustainability a group would be organised to develop this area within the regional context. The work done on the “Better Together” initiative within Anglia Motor Sport could be a platform to build from.

Delegates were updated regarding MSUK’s Race with Respect initiative which clubs and events need to be both aware of and have a process for managing. The meeting was informed that further details, advice and documents would be issued from MSUK in the very near future

Other Items

Venues

An update on the “MLO” initiative was provided indicating that there had now been two meetings (virtual) of the regional MLOs and good progress was being made in developing the initiative.

At a regional level the future use of two incremental MoD venues had been agreed with the venue management and a plan of how to best utilise them is being developed with local clubs.

Information was provided by Middx that there could be the potential for events to be held again at Rockingham circuit. The news was welcomed, and it was agreed that there is significant advantage in progressing this through one contact. Middx were asked and agreed to fulfil that contact role for the time being on behalf of the association clubs.

Any other Business

Award

The meeting was informed that the Snetterton Stage Rally had been voted as the “Event of the championship” in the 2021/22 Circuit Rally Championship. The event took the opportunity to thank the members of all the clubs who had contributed to the success.

Meeting dates 2023

A draft schedule of meetings for 2023 has been created and will be issued with these minutes. At this point all AEMC meetings are being planned as virtual.

Next Meeting

The next delegates meeting will be on the 17th Jan 2023

Actions taken forward

TOPIC	ACTION	BY
Finances	Clubs to recommend potential areas for investment of funds	Club Representatives
Secretarial	MSUK registration for 2023 to be completed	Secretary
Calendar	MogFriends dates to be included in AEMC calendar	MogFriends Rep. and Comps Sec.
Training	Plans for training session in early 2023 to be pursued	Training Coord
Training	Clubs to encourage appropriate members to register for the Event Secretary and Steward Training	Club Representatives
Championships	A meeting of association chairs and championship coordinators to be arranged to consider options for an awards event	Chairman
Association Development	Clubs to consider and provide input on the best way to progress the initiative that is in place	Club Representatives
Association Hub	Confirm with members to progress association initiatives	Chair

	and association development.	
Sustainability	A group to be formed to consider how to progress the topic within the association	Chairman
EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity)	A group to be formed to consider how to progress the topic within the association	Chairman
Venues	Plans for the use in 2023 of new access MoD venues to be progressed	MLO
Venues	The possibility of Rockingham being used in the future to be progressed	MCAC to follow this up on behalf of AEMC clubs
Meetings	A Schedule of meeting dates in 2023 to be created and distributed	Secretary